

**MINUTES**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
First Floor Community Development Conference Room  
7447 E. Indian School Road  
October 14, 2004  
5:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Ed Wimmer, Chair  
B.J. Gonzales, Vice Chair  
Nancy Dallett  
Kathy Howard  
Paul Winslow (arrived at 5:25 p.m.)

Absent: George Hartz  
Cathy Johnson

Staff: Debbie Abele, HPO  
Don Meserve  
Bob Cafarella

Also Present: Liz Wilson, Sherry Skylar, and Leigh Drelick

**ROLL CALL**

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above.

**MINUTES**

**September 23, 2004**

Commissioner Gonzales made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2004 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Chair Wimmer and passed unanimously 4-0.

**Selection Process for 1950s Neighborhoods Eligible for Consideration for Historic District Designation and Report on Additional Research.**

Liz Wilson presented a summary of the research on what is considered the significance of neighborhoods and what is unique in terms of designation that provides a good reason for selecting a neighborhood for designation. She discussed the marketing, subdivision characteristics, and housing characteristics for the five recommended neighborhoods; Sherwood Heights, Village Grove 1-6, Scottsdale Estates 4, Town and Country Scottsdale, and Cavalier Vistas 3 & 4.

Commissioner Dallett inquired about pools and if they were built into the mortgage. Ms. Wilson replied that she had not seen any information on that. Ms. Abele reported that Kevin Norton is doing his thesis on pool construction in Post World War II and he might be able to provide them with information.

Commissioner Howard stated if staff is still conducting first person accounts she has a friend that knows the Hallcraft Hostess for the television show sponsored by Hallcraft.

Commissioner Gonzales stated Hallcraft was the first to co-venture with SRP or APS on electric homes. Chair Wimmer requested that Ms. Wilson follow up on that to determine if it was significant.

Ms. Abele stated the next step would be to define the boundaries. The Commission reviewed the maps of the five neighborhoods; Sherwood Heights, Village Grove 1-6, Scottsdale Estates 4, Town and Country Scottsdale, and Cavalier Vistas 3 & 4.

Commissioner Dallett inquired if Ms. Wilson was surprised by anything. Ms. Wilson replied that the Commission might want to consider having a small-scale development represented with fewer than 26 homes or irrigated lots as part of the group of neighborhoods under consideration since small-scale developments or irrigated lots and not in any of the five neighborhoods under discussion.

Ms. Abele requested that the Commissioners' provide staff with direction on which of the five to pursue.

Chair Wimmer reported that he received a communication from Commissioner Hartz, who is out-of-town, that he shared with the Commission. In looking at the 2004 work plan the evaluation and consideration of neighborhood historic districts is important. Commissioner Hartz expressed his concern regarding pursuing all five of the historic districts and overloading staff and the Commission. He thought when you are doing something for the first time it is helpful to go down that path with one group and learn from that group what is the most effective way to handle it.

Ms. Abele stated that Commissioner Hartz also indicated that he believes the downtown properties are more important than the neighborhoods and they cannot forget them in terms of priorities.

Commissioner Winslow stated we could stagger the process and start with the neighborhoods that are the most supportive. Commissioner Dallett stated that we could start with the neighborhoods that are the most supportive but it is important to go forward with all five. She further stated at some point we should share with these people all of the work that has been done.

Commissioner Dallett inquired how staff would like to move forward. Ms. Abele replied she thought it would be of benefit to go out and share with the residents why these neighborhoods were chosen and get feedback about the process and determine where there is support and then pick one or two to start.

Commissioner Dallett moved to direct staff to start holding meetings with the five potential neighborhoods as quickly as possible to provide information and see what legs have grown after the five meetings and move on from there. Second by Commissioner Winslow and passed unanimously, 5-0.

## **EXTERIOR RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM IDEAS**

Ms. Abele reported that the City Council has approved \$2 million for south Scottsdale revitalization and Preservation staff put together a request in the amount of \$200,000 for historic preservation and it was passed last week. The goal of the funds is to support the residential revitalization. Staff is proposing to use some of the \$200,000 funding to provide funds for technical assistance to homeowners for revitalization of homes within designated historic districts. She provided an overview of the exterior rehab program and distributed the forms and information used for historic homes by the City of Phoenix. Staff is proposing using \$75,000 of the \$200,000 and creating an on-call technical assistance program with architects and trades people who can provide design assistance and cost estimating.

Commissioner Dallett suggested there should be a linkage between this program and the Green Building Program.

(Commissioner Dallett had to leave at 6:00 p.m.)

Commissioner Winslow stated this program would promote better design and a better quality product in historic districts.

Commissioner Winslow moved to support the program for on-call technical assistance and report back to the Commission on its progress. Second by Commissioner Howard and passed unanimously 4-0.

### **PROGRESS ON 2004 HPC WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Meserve reported the Commission is on track with the 2004 HPC work program approved at the last annual retreat. He noted that the Taliesin West designation has been moving slowly.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Historic Register**

Commissioner Howard stated the committee is scheduling a meeting this month to review the Citywide multi-family housing survey results for projects from the 1950s.

#### **Education Outreach**

Ms. Abele reported the Mayor's Breakfast is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> with Grady Gammage and herself as the featured speakers. The subject will be postwar ranch neighborhoods and why they are significant. The boards used at the neighborhood open houses will also be used at the breakfast.

### **HPO/STAFF REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Meserve inquired if the Commission was interested in participating in the Parada del Sol Parade on February 5, 2005. He explained that historically the Commission has shared a wagon with the Scottsdale Historical Society. The consensus of the Commission was it is a good idea to participate again.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Abele stated the next meeting would be held on October 28, 2004. The date for the next Historic Register Committee meeting was proposed for October 27, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

For the Record Court Reporters